



**State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
(WAC 197-11-960)**

A. BACKGROUND

- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:** Weatherly Elk Fence Extension
- 2. Name of Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

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- 4. Date checklist prepared:** August 8, 2008
- 5. Agency requesting checklist:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2008. As much elk fence as funds allow will be constructed. Additional funds may become available after July 2009 and the project completed after that time.

- 7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

No.

- 8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:**

None known.

- 9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.** *None pending.*

- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

None anticipated.

- 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page.**

This project consists of construction of approximately 3 miles of 8-foot high elk fence in Asotin County along Tam Tam Ridge. This fence replaces an existing barbwire fence.

Construction will consist of embedding treated wood fence posts 2.5' into the ground and stapling 8' tall 6" x 6" wire mesh to them. Some 12' wide swing gates and some one-way gates will be installed at their original locations. Where posts cannot be buried due to the rocky soil, rockjacks will be constructed to provide fence stability (see the drawings for a rockjack example). Due to the remote location of parts of this fence, materials may be brought to the fence site by helicopter. Equipment used will be restricted to hand operated tools only. Please see attached plans for construction techniques and design.

The access road to this section of fence will be graded in spots (remove rocks and smooth the road) to allow better access. This road originates at Dry Gulch Road.

- 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

The site is accessed from Asotin Creek Road. Private land must be crossed to reach this site. Fence repair will occur on private property as well as land owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

The work will be in Section 1 & 2 of T9N, R43E; Sections 4, 5 & 6 of T9N, R44E; Sections 31 and 32 of T10N, R44E, W.M.

Please see attached map for precise fence location.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (underline one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____.
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 45%.
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of the agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

The soil in this area is classified primarily as silt loam, stony loam, and rock outcrop complex.